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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE

AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON

MAY 22, 2012

Under the Securities and Exchange Commission rules, the proxy materials that you receive by mail for the annual meeting are now available on the Internet. When you go online, you can view the proxy materials or cast your vote. The items to be voted on and location of the annual meeting are shown below. Your vote is important!

MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Type:
For holders as of:
Date:
Time:
Location:

Annual Meeting March 30, 2012 May 22, 2012 11:00 AM CDT Hilton Houston North (Greenspoint) Hotel 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, TX 77060

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in Southwestern Energy Company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote your shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that have been sent to you or are available to you on the Internet. You may view the Notice of 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Proxy Statement and Annual Report online at <u>www.envisionreports.com/swn</u> or easily request a paper or e-mail copy. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. A request for an e-mail or a paper copy of the proxy materials must be received no later than May 10, 2012.

www.envisionreports.com/swn

Easy Online Access A Convenient Way to View Proxy Materials and Vote! When you go online to view materials, you can also vote your shares.

Step 1: Go to <u>www.envisionreports.com/swn</u> to view the proxy statement, which contains details of the proposals to be voted on, and the annual report.

- Step 2: Click the Vote Section.
- Step 3: Follow the instructions on the screen to log in.
- Step 4: Make your selection as instructed on each screen to select delivery preferences and Vote.

The proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors recommendations.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors Nominees:

- Lewis E. Epley, Jr.
- Robert L. Howard
- Catherine A. Kehr
- Greg D. Kerley
- Harold M. Korell
- Vello A. Kuuskraa
- Kenneth R. Mourton
- Steven L. Mueller
- Charles E. Scharlau
- Alan H. Stevens

2. Proposal to ratify independent registered public accounting firm for 2012.

3. Advisory vote to approve our executive compensation.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote AGAINST the following proposal:

4. Stockholder proposal for an executive equity retention policy. Directions:

Local Directions to Hilton Houston North

Traveling on I-45 North or South: Take the Greens Road exit and go East on Greens Road to Greenspoint Drive. (2nd Stop light) Traveling East or West on Beltway 8 also known as Sam Houston Parkway, take the Greenspoint Drive exit and head North on Greenspoint Drive approximately 2 blocks to the hotel on the right.

From Houston Intercontinental Airport

Take Airport exit to Beltway 8. Take right on the west service road and merge onto entrance. Go to the Greenspoint Drive exit and turn right on Greenspoint Drive. Go .25 miles and the hotel will be on your right.

From William P. Hobby Airport

Take exit to Broadway to I-45 North. Exit Greens Road. Go right on Greens Road to Greenspoint Drive (2nd stop light) and take a right. Hotel is one block down on the left.

*** Exercise Your *Right* to Vote ***

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 22, 2012

Meeting Information

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY COMPANY Meeting Type: Annual Meeting For holders as of: March 30, 2012 Date: May 22, 2012 Time: 11:00 AM CDT Location: Hilton Houston North (Greenspoint) Hotel 12400 Greenspoint Drive Houston, Texas 77060 You are receiving this communication because you hold Return Address Line 1 shares in the above named company. Return Address Line 2 Return Address Line 3 This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the 51 MERCEDES WAY more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at EDGEWOOD NY 11717 www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

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We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Annual Report 2. Notice & Proxy Statement

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: www.proxyvote.com.

How to Request and Receive a PAPER or E-MAIL Copy:

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is NO charge for requesting a copy. Please choose one of the following methods to make your request:

BY INTERNET: www.proxyvote.com
BY TELEPHONE: 1-800-579-1639
BY E-MAIL*: sendmaterial@proxyvote.com

* If requesting materials by e-mail, please send a blank e-mail with the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) in the subject line.

Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to the this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before May 08, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.

How To Vote

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Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a legal proxy. To do so, please follow the instructions at www.proxyvote.com or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a voting instruction Internal Use form.

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Voting items The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposal(s): 1. Election of Directors			
01	Nominees Lewis E. Epley, Jr.	The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal(s):	
02	Robert L. Howard	4 Stockholder proposal for an executive equity retention policy.	
03	Catherine A. Kehr		
04	Greg D. Kerley		
05	Harold M. Korell		
06	Vello A. Kuuskraa		
07	Kenneth R. Mourton		
08	Steven L. Mueller		
09	Charles E. Scharlau		
10 The	Alan H. Stevens Board of Directors recommends you vote		
FOR the following proposal(s):			
2 Proposal to ratify independent registered public accounting firm for 2012.			

Advisory vote to approve our executive compensation.

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Voting items Continued

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NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

Voting Instructions

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